Mr. I. N. Menon.—See answer to question No. 254.

Latrines—Trichur Municipality.

256. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the present Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, while he was the Health Officer of the Trichur Municipality, has reported to the Chairman on or about 17th Makaram 1106 about two latrines situated within the Municipal limits as follows.—

"I am of opinion that both the latrines should be removed from their present location and taken over to the west. The present condition is decidedly an eye-sore and a perfect public nuisance which should not be tolerated within a Municipal Town."

(2) is it a fact that the Trichur Municipal Chairman, who happens to be a Medical man himself, shares the same view as that of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer regarding the insanitary condition of the latrine ;

(3) is it a fact that inspite of the expert opinion of the Chairman and the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer the Municipality has not ordered the removal of the latrines till this day ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is not possible to give a reply to the questions unless the latrines meant by the Hon'ble Member are clearly specified.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—"Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, while he was the Health Officer of the Trichur Municipality, reported to the Chairman on or about 17th Makaram 1106"etc—I have specified the date about the two latrines. The answer is 'it is not possible to give a reply to the questions unless the latrines meant by the Hon'ble Member are clearly specified.' I have clearly specified the date. So I want to know what is the difficulty of the Government in giving an answer?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—When this question came the latrine under reference was not specifically mentioned by the Hon'ble Member who asked the question. The matter was referred to the Chairman of the Trichur Municipality because I have no record about it here and he could not give me a reply as regards this specific latrine and that is why this answer was given.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Has the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer reported on the 17th Makaram about any latrine?

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Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer has not made any report. It might have been done by the Health Officer.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Who was the Health Officer?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Myself.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—While you were the the Health Officer of the Trichur Municipality?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I have no records in my office. So I referred the matter to the Municipal Chairman, Trichur.

257. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether the Diwan has issued an order to the Trichur Municipality to remove the latrine of one V. K. Kunjipillamma nearly 15 months ago ;

(2) if so, has the Chairman carried out the order ;

(3) if not, why not ;

(4) what steps do the Government propose to take to force the Chairman to carry out the orders of the Diwan ;

(5) copies of the order and the replies thereto may be placed on the table af the House ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Yes.

(2) Steps are being taken by the Chairman to get the same removed.

(3) and (4). These questions do not arise in view of the answer to sub-division (2).

(5) The order R. O. P. No. 756/1106, dated 1st April 1931 is placed on table. (*Appendix I.*) In the interests of the public the Chairman's further report on it cannot be published.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know why this inordinate delay in executing the orders of the Diwan even though it is 15 months?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The question is not very simple. There are some complications about it and the Chairman is trying his level best.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the nature of the complication?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—This is in a way allied to another case which the Municipality has against a tax-payer and if it is connected with that, the question is whether any action on this can be taken without going into the matter once more carefully.

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